(d) if so, the rationale of such proposal; and

(e) whether the cost of acquisition will be shared by Government and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) Air India have informed that, there is no proposal for purchase of Serbian Airlines by them. However, they had received a suggestion from JAT airways of Serbia for a strategic relationship with Air India. No decision has been taken.

Restoration of old havelis in Chandni Chowk, Delhi

*53. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restore the old havelis in Chandni Chowk and nearby areas of old Delhi, some of which are also historically important and can become major tourist attraction; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to restore the charm and grandeur of Old Delhi which existed during the past?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. However, no such project proposal for restoration of old havelis in Chandni Chowk has been submitted by the Department of Tourism, Government of NCT of Delhi.

New pension fund bill for private sector

*54. SHRI P R RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a New Pension Fund Bill for private sector; and

(b) if so, the nature and details of the legislation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill, 2005 was introduced in the Parliament in March, 2005 to, *inter-alia*, regulate the New Pension System and to establish a Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority to promote old age income security by establishing, developing and regulating pension funds and to protect the interests of subscribers to schemes of pension funds. The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, which examined it and recommended the same for enactment subject to some modifications/amendment. The Bill is pending before the Parliament.